

**ROUND 4 QUICK QUOTES**  
**March 31, 2024**



**PETER MALNATI (-3)**

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**Q. All right, sir, so hole-in-one on your 16th hole today, No. 7, awesome shot.**

**PETER MALNATI:** Amazing.

**Q. What was the -- talk us through the shot and the club and --**

**PETER MALNATI:** I mean, you want the short version or the full version? What do you want?

**Q. Full version, let's go.**

**PETER MALNATI:** I played so amazing last week and I've been playing so lousy this week. It's funny, swing-wise I putted great yesterday just to sort of hang in there. It's awesome for me that I played lousy and made the cut, that feels amazing.

I just hit the worst tee shot ever the hole before, like a diving toe hook. So when I stepped up on the tee on 7, I was like, you know what, this yardage is a perfect 5-iron. I said I'm going to hit the same shot I hit on 17th hole at the Valspar Championship on Sunday. I'm going to aim it right at the TV tower, I'm going to let the wind do the rest. And I hit this beautiful 5-iron, it was so nice and it was a perfect yardage, hit a good full one. Wind was right to left, so it was helping.

Then the ball kind of disappears over a little ridge on that green so we couldn't actually see it. It was funny because obviously not a whole lot of people are watching the 9:30 group off 10 here on Sunday in Houston so there was a smattering of people behind the green and half of them went "Woooo!" and the other half just sat completely still. We were like, oh, that was kind of like a really close "woooo." So we didn't know it went in until we got up to the green and it was crazy.

**Q. How many is that on Tour?**

**PETER MALNATI:** I had made a hole-in-one at the Wyndham Championship on No. 16, the hole-in-one at the RBC Heritage at No. 17, and now a hole-in-one at the Texas Children's Open on No. 7, so there you go, three.

**Q. Is that a cool thing even though you finished I guess middle of the pack, not necessarily a memorable week in that regard but is it a fun highlight that just punctuates the week kind of?**



**PETER MALNATI:** Funny, I don't remember what I finished either of those weeks when I made a hole-in-one at Wyndham or RBC Heritage but I do remember those shots, so this will be the same. I'll say I hit a great shot when I made the hole-in-one at Wyndham. I kind of hit just kind of a mis-hit little perfect line shot to make the hole-in-one. This one was an absolutely perfect. So I will remember that, it felt just how I wanted it and it was awesome.

**Q. And then playing with Scottie the first two days, what was -- he's up there again, obviously not too much of a surprise, but what was it like playing with him? Is there anything you kind of noticed or learned or observed just from how he navigates his way around a course?**

**PETER MALNATI:** Spectacular experience to play with him, first of all, because that's -- he is doing what I'm striving to do. He is playing consistently well, in contention week after week after week, so it was great to see that up close.

Like it was really interesting to see he does everything really well and obviously he is like, we're talking about historically good ball-striking statistics, but I don't think he had his best stuff this week when I played with him. I think he was offline a little with the driver, he was -- missed some iron shots but I guess it's very rare, and he still was like one or two off the lead when we were done playing. I guess he ended up being four because he made a little mistake on our last.

He's got the total package, he's got the short game and the putting, too. It was great to see and very inspiring because that's what I'm striving for.

**Q. I wanted to ask, too, from Tennessee and we've got Stephan Jaeger on top of the lead. you spent much time with him?**

**PETER MALNATI:** I haven't spent a ton of time with him. He was kind of -- we would have these little games sometimes where a group of players from Knoxville and a group of players from Chattanooga area would sort of meet. There's a golf course called Tennessee National, it's kind of in the middle, we would meet there. Sometimes we would go to Chattanooga and play, sometimes we would go to Knoxville and play. Like I said, sometimes we'd meet immediately in the middle.

We would have these little games and it's really, really fun to see the two of us. There was probably six or eight or 10 of us who were kind of aspiring mini-tour type players and it's really cool to see two of us out here, and he's obviously -- you know, for the better part of the last two years he's been playing really, really well and knocking on the door.

He gave me a really hearty congratulations this week, which felt great, and I would love to be able to return the favor.

